



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Dany PRIETO)
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For : THE DEVICE FIXING IN A CONTAINER SUCH A METAL CAN
DEVICE AUTOMATICALLY EXTRACTING THE STRAW AND ITS
ASSOCIATED DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a document discussed in the instant specification on page 2;

(1) FR 2 772 731.

Applicant also submits herewith a copy of the International Search Report (in English and French) mailed on November 28, 2000 and conducted in International Application No. PCT/IB00/01205 of which the instant application is the U.S. National stage. In particular the

International Examiner cited:

(2) US 4,792,083; this document is also discussed in the IPEA 409 which is provided herein;

(3) EP 0 926 080; this document is also discussed in the IPEA 409 which is provided herein; and

(4) WO 98/56669.

Applicant also submits herewith a copy of the PCT/IPEA/409 (in French with an English translation of section V) conducted in International Application No. PCT/IB00/01205 of which the instant application is the U.S. National stage.

Copies of the above-listed documents including the International Search Report, the PCT/IPEA/409 in French, and an English translation thereof, are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.


Applicants note that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3). However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including

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any payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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